

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: January 7, 2026

Date: December 31, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2026-10

2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Application Package Release for Public Comment

To: Technical Advisory Committee
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Requested action

Recommend the draft 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation application package for release for public comment.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the draft 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation application package, inclusive of the changes included in Action Transmittals 2025-32, 2025-34, 2025-36, 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-06, and 2026-08, for release for public comment.

Background and purpose

After developing and approving the proposed 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation structure, criteria, measures, score weighting, eligibility requirements, and scoring guidance, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) releases the draft application package for public comment. The Active Transportation Solicitation will be released for a public comment beginning January 23, 2026, and concluding on February 17, 2026. After the public comment period, a public comment report will be prepared, along with any suggested changes in response to the public comments, for TAB's review and approval.

Relationship to regional policy

The Minnesota Legislature dedicated a portion of the regional sales tax to active transportation projects. Active transportation projects are those that support walking, biking, and rolling for transportation. Per the legislation, the selection process must include criteria and prioritization of projects based on the following seven requirements, the relationship between the requirements and how they are addressed in the solicitation is included:

Legislative Requirement	Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	AT Planning
The project's inclusion in a municipal or regional nonmotorized transportation system plan.	Qualifying criterion: <i>A project must be included in an adopted plan or programming document to be eligible.</i>	Intent of the application category is to aid communities in being eligible for facilities projects in the future.
The extent to which policies or practices of the political subdivision encourage and promote complete streets planning, design, and construction.	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>
The extent to which the project supports connections between communities and to key destinations within a community.	Scoring criterion: <i>Connection to Key Destinations</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>
Identified barriers or deficiencies in the nonmotorized transportation system.	Scoring criterion: <i>Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>
Identified safety or health benefits.	Scoring criterion: <i>Safety</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Safety</i>
Geographic equity in project benefits, with an emphasis on communities that are historically and currently underrepresented in local or regional planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring criterion: <i>Community Considerations</i> Project selection process that considers geographic balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring criterion: <i>Community Considerations</i> Project selection process that considers geographic balance
The ability of a grantee to maintain the active transportation infrastructure following project completion.	Qualifying criterion: <i>Communities must provide evidence of year-round maintenance process, including snow clearance for funded facilities.</i>	Qualifying criterion: <i>Communities must provide evidence of year-round maintenance process, including snow clearance for funded facilities.</i>

Committee comments and action

At its December 18, 2025, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended the draft 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation be released for public comment. Including the changes reflected in Action Transmittals 2025-32, 2025-34, 2025-36, 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-06, and 2026-08.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and recommend	December 18, 2025
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	January 7, 2026
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and approve	January 21, 2026





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